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SUBRAMANIAM, Bala et al.

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE/ELECTION OF SPECIES

In the office action dated December 2, 2002, the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement requiring Applicants to elect a single species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Presently, the Examiner has classified claims 1 and 16 as being generic.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group I which includes claims 1, 2, 3, 9-19, and 25-31 without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute any non-elected species in subsequently filed divisional applications should no generic claim be allowed or should a non-elected species not be included within the scope of at least one allowed generic claim.

Any additional fee which is due in connection with this response should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

Respectfully submitted.

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